



Sept.10, 2010	QSI ECC <i>4 Year Old Team Newsletter</i>	
	<p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>First and foremost, we would like to thank all parents who attended Open House. During the first few days at school, we have been trying to establish a routine in our classes. Children this age feel safe with a routine that is consistent, but of course with some room for flexibility.</p> <p>They all seem to have settled in well and are happy to have new friends.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Ms. Alma, Ms. Carmen, Ms. Ellen, Ms. Mirka and Ms. Sarita.</p>	
<i>Events</i>		
<p>Play date on Saturday, September 11, from 11am to 1 pm at the ECC.</p>	Jolly Phonics	<p>Besides prewriting, the children have been learning letter sounds, its formation and identifying the sounds in words through an early systematic phonics program called Jolly Phonics. Through this program, the children are taught the main 42 sounds of English, not just the alphabet sounds. With this knowledge they are taken through the stages of blending sounds to form words and then on to reading.</p> <p>Our 4 year olds have mastered Ss, Aa, Tt, Ii letter sounds.</p>
<i>Reminder</i>		
<p>Each child should bring a water bottle and a change of clothes.</p> <p>Please do not forget to return the library book every week.</p> <p>The blue folders sent home on Friday should be returned the following Monday.</p> <p>The message book should be kept inside the backpack.</p>	Language Arts	<p>Going to School has been our theme for the first few weeks, and our four year olds have had a good time discussing, describing and naming things around the school and in their classrooms. Furthermore, the children have been busily involved in various arts and crafts related with the theme.</p> <p>Along with the above, the children are learning new rhymes and songs every week. Singing together is an important experience which helps children develop language skills and confidence.</p>
	Mathematics	<p>Shapes - Sorting shapes by size and color has been our focus for the first few weeks. Work sheets and games accompanied these activities.</p> <p>We will then move on to extend and create patterns.</p>
	Science	<p>The Sky- The difference between day and night, sun and clouds, moon and the stars has been our focus for this unit. The children have had a good time discussing the sky and reading books and making crafts related to it.</p>
	Fine Motor	Gross Motor
<p>Open and close scissors</p> <p>Cut on a line (straight and curved)</p> <p>Hold a writing utensil properly in his/her hand</p> <p>Copying horizontal and diagonal lines, circles and crosses has been our focus.</p>		<p>Working with the parachute, singing and playing together has been our focus these past few weeks.</p>